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t†AM-MIDEAST-LEBANON-SECOND LEAD''''''URGENT (NO PICKUP R152)t
BEIRUT, JUNE 28 (MONDAY), REUTER -- THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) HAS OFFERED NEW PROPOSALS TO SAVE BEIRUT FROM A MILITARY SHOWDOWN WITH ISRAELI INVASION FORCES BESIEGING THE CITY, GOVERENMENT SOURCES SAID TODAY.
THEY SAID THE PLO WAS OFFERING TO HAND OVER ITS WEAPONS TO THE LEBANESE ARMY AND EVACUATE ITS 5,000 OR SO FIGHTERS FROM BEIRUT, PREFERABLY BY SEA, IN A SETTLEMENT WHICH APPEARED TO MEET THE CONDITIONS DEMANDED BY THE ISRAELI CABINET.
IN RETURN THE PALESTINIANS WANTED ISRAELI TROOPS TO PULL BACK FROM THE CITY BY ABOUT THREE MILES TO ENSURE THEIR SAFE DEPARTURE.
THE REPORTED OFFER CAME AFTER ISRAELI PLANES ROARED LOW OVER WEST BEIRUT DROPPING LEAFLETS CALLING ON CIVILIAN RESIDENTS TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES, AND LEBANESE PRESIDENT ELIAS SARKIS CALLED ON WORLD LEADERS TO SAVE HIS CAPITAL FROM ''CATASTROPHE.''
THE SOURCES SAID THE LEBANESE GOVERENMENT SAW THE PALESTINIAN OFFER AS A RAY OF HOPE WHICH COULD SPARE THE CITY FROM MASSIVE DESTRUCTION AND LOSS OF LIFE.
THE TERMS WERE WORKED AT A SERIES OF LATE-NIGHT MEETINGS BETWEEN PLO LEADERS AND LEBANESE MINISTERS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-WAZZAN WHO OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION FRIDAY.t
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ÝÝAM-MIDEAST-LEBANON-SECOND LEAD 2 BEIRUT (R166...FRIDAY.)''Ý
THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED THE NEW TERMS IN PRINCIPLE BUT SOME DETAILS WERE STILL UNRESOLVED AND THE OFFER HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY PHILIP HABIB; WHO IS ACTING AS A CHANNEL BETWEEN LEBANON AND ISRAEL.
AN ISRAELI CABINET STATEMENT YESTERDAY SUGGESTED THE GUERRILLAS SURRENDER THEIR ARMS TO THE LEBANESE ARMY AND LEAVE LEBANON ON THE DAMASCUS ROAD UNDER RED CROSS PROTECTION.
THE SOURCES SAID THE PLO THOUGHT DEPARTURE BY SEA WOULD BE SAFER; SINCE THE DAMASCUS ROAD PASSES THROUGH TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY ISRAELI TROOPS AND RIGHT-WING LEBANESE CHRISTIAN FORCES HOSTILE TO THE GUERRILLAS.
THE ONE REMAINING STUMBLING BLOCK APPEARED TO BE THE PALESTINIAN REQUEST FOR A PARTIAL ISRAELI PULL-BACK. ISRAEL HAS PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO LOOSEN ITS TWO-WEEK SIEGE OF THE CAPITAL'S WESTERN HALF; WHERE THE GUERRILLAS ARE HOLDING OUT.
THE PLO'S CONCESSIONS FOLLOWED RENEWED FEARS OF STREET-TO-STREET FIGHTING IN THE CAPITAL; FUELED BY THE ISRAELI AIR-BORNE DROP LEAFLETS.
THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHICH COUNTRY THE GUERRILLAS AND THEIR LEADERS WERE THINKING OF GOING TO. SYRIA AND EGYPT HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS.Ý
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ÿFRM-MIDEAST-LEBANON-SECOND LEAD 3 BEIRUTÿ
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK; WHOSE COUNTRY HAS A PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL; HAS SAID HE WOULD WELCOME THE PLO IN CAIRO AS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT; BUT NOT AS AN ARMY.
SETTLING IN EITHER COUNRY WOULD LEAVE THE PLO MUCH LESS FREEDOM OF ACTION THAN IT HAS BECOME USED TO IN LEBANON.
PALESTINIAN LEADERS WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO CONFIRM DETAILS OF THE NEW OFFER.
LEBANESE ARMY SOLDIERS AT THE ONLY CROSSING STILL FULLY FUNCTIONING BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BEIRUT SAID FAMILIES HAD BEEN STREAMING OUT OF MAINLY MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT TO THE CHRISTIAN-HELD EAST FOLLOWING DROPPING OF ISRAEL'S WARNING LEAFLETS YESTERDAY.
THE SOLDIERS AT THE MUSEUM CROSSING POINT; NAMED AFTER THE NATIONAL MUSEUM WHICH STANDS IN THE MIDDLE; SAID CARS LADEN WITH BAGGAGE HAD CHOKED THE CROSSING FOR SOME THREE HOURS.
THE CROSSING WAS TENSE; WITH CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN; WHO HAVE BEEN ASSISTING THE INVADING ISRAELIS; PATROLLING IN FORCE AND QUESTIONING ALL WHO ATTEMPTED TO PASS. WITNESSES SAID SOME PEOPLE WERE TURNED BACK WITHOUT EXPLANATION.
THE SOLDIERS SAID THE CROSSING WAS CLOSED AT ONE TIME ON THE CHRISTIAN SIDE TO STEM THE FLOW BUT WAS REOPENED AFTER THE COMMANDER OF CHRISTIAN MILITIAS; BASHIR GEMAYEL; INTERVENED.ÿ
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